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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Local and Intermediate School Superintendents  
Public School Academy Administrators  
Nonpublic School Administrators

FROM: Mike Flanagan, Superintendent of Public Instruction 

SUBJECT: Military Connected Children Data Collection

Children and families are affected whenever a family member is in the military, whether on active duty or on call. Although fewer service members are deployed overseas, the United States is still engaged in combat operations in Afghanistan.

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) would again like your help in identifying these children in order to increase awareness and to direct resources to their specific needs. This fall, MDE will request that all school districts identify and report school children who have a parent or guardian serving in the military. MDE will continue with this voluntary reporting process in the Michigan Electronic Grants System Plus (MEGS+). The application to update your district's information will be available in MEGS+ from early October through December 31, 2012. Your MEGS+ Level 5 authorized official will receive an announcement when applications are available. In addition, a map indicating the number of military connected children in each county throughout Michigan can be viewed on MDE's website. Visit [www.michigan.gov/mde](http://www.michigan.gov/mde), choose the "Grants" tab on the left, then choose the "Military-Connected Children" link in the center of the page. The map will be updated with 2012 information this fall.

If you have any questions about this endeavor, please contact Louis Burgess, Assistant Director, Office of School Support Services, at [burgessl@michigan.gov](mailto:burgessl@michigan.gov) or 517-373-4337.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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